

**MINUTES**

Community Unit School District #205  
Board of Education  
September 10, 2007

Public Hearings on Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, 932 Harrison Street, Galesburg, IL.

6:40 PM—President Panther called the public hearing on the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Knox-Warren Special Education District to order. The roll was read for the public hearing and the following Members responded: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison (6) Absent: Osborn (1)

Mr. Tom West, stated that the tentative budget had been on display for more than the required 30 days—since July 14, 2007—and Certificates of Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Knox-Warren Special Education District were published in *The Register-Mail* and *The Zephyr*. (Insert Certificates) No written objections had been filed during this period of public inspection.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison that the public hearing on the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Knox-Warren Special Education District be closed—6:44 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried.

6:45 PM—President Panther called the public hearing on the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Galesburg Area Vocational Center to order. The roll was read for the public hearing and the following Members responded: Nelson, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom (6) Absent: Osborn (1)

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There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by member Strauch and seconded by Member Harrison that the public hearing on the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Galesburg Area Vocational Center be closed—6:46 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted

AYE: Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1)  
Motion carried.

6:50 PM—President Panther called the public hearing on the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Community Unit School District #205 to order. The roll was read for the public hearing and the following Members responded: Harrison, Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther (6) Absent: Osborn (1)

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There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson that the public hearing on the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Community Unit School District #205 be closed—6:52 p.m. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried.

#### Call To Order/Roll Call

The Community Unit School District #205 Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM at 932 Harrison St., Galesburg, IL. The meeting was called to order by President Panther. The roll was read and the following Members responded: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Roll Call #1

#### Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Recognition of Visitors—none

#### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Swanson that the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2007 be approved without further reading and without correction or addition. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #2

Approval of Payrolls and Claims

Upon presentation by Member Harrison of payrolls and claims filed in the Ledger Book as Exhibit #510 as of September 10, 2007, which exhibit is incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof, it was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Strauch that the same be approved and allowed for payment as presented. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #3

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the following items be approved on the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approve Application for Recognition of Schools (insert)
- B. Approve Bright Futures Job Description for Resource Specialist (insert)
- C. Approve Bright Futures Job Description for Administrative Assistant (insert)

On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #4

Correspondence—Dr. Denisar, Superintendent, presented a letter from Governor Blagojevich and Mayor of Galesburg.

Committee ReportsBudget

Member Strauch reported that the Budget committee had met on Thursday, September 6, 2007 to discuss the adjustments for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 which will be presented for approval and adoption. The Committee also discussed investment fund strategies. The next meeting of the Committee has not yet been set.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Lindstrom reported that the Building & Grounds Committee had not met since the last meeting. However Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. the Committee would be taking its annual inspection tour of summer projects to review the projects that were completed over the summer. The next meeting of the Committee has not yet been set.

Insurance

Member Harrison reported that the Insurance Committee last met on June 25, 2007. The fund balance to date is reported

at \$495,238.29. The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2007 at the Lincoln Education Center.

#### Recruitment for Educational Diversity

Member Swanson reported that the next R.E.D. Committee is scheduled for September 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

#### Student Council

Galesburg High School Principal, Mr. Tom Chiles, spoke on behalf of student council representative, Jane Simkins, who was not present. Mr. Chiles gave a brief overview of the Homecoming week events.

#### Instructional Presentation-2006-2007 Enrollment

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction made and instructional presentation to the Board concerning the 2007-2008 sixth day enrollment for the District. District enrollment continues to decline. The District has 135 less students on its sixth day enrollment than it had last year. Currently the Elementary grades (K-5) are down by 15 students, the Middle Schools (6-8) are down by 51 students and the High School (9-12) is up by 32 students. (Insert) Mr. Estes explained that the way the enrollment trends have been decreasing. He projects that while we will continue to lose students he does not believe it will be at the steep decline it has been in the past years. The District's class size average is at 21.4 which is at or below the state average. Mr. Estes stated that the fifth grade section at Cooke School was closed due to their only being 12 students in the class. Estes stated that this is the second year after the boundary study and it show that the numbers are balancing out.

#### Old Business—None

#### New Business

##### A. Approve Personnel Agenda and Differential List

Diane VanHootegem, Director for Human Resources, stated that the Personnel Agenda and Differential list stand as presented and recommended its approval. It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board approve the Personnel Agenda and differential list as presented and recommended by the administration. (Insert Personnel Agenda and Differential list) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #5

##### B. Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District

It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board adopt the amendments to the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget for Knox-Warren Special Education District as presented and recommended by Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Strauch, Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #6

Approve Recommendations on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget for Galesburg Area Vocational Center

It was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board adopt the amendments to the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as presented and recommended by Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Strauch, Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #7

Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Adjustments to the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget for District #205

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson that the Board adopt the amendments to the Tentative 2007-2008 Budget for District #205 as presented and recommended by Mr. Paul Woehlke, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. (Insert) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #8

C. Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Resolution Adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) for Knox-Warren Special Education District as Adjusted

It was moved by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board of Education approve/adopt the Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) for Knox-Warren Special Education District as adjusted as the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Harrison, Panther, Strauch, Swanson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #9.

Approve Recommendation on Approval/Adoption of Resolution Adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as Adjusted

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board of Education approve/adopt the Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) for Galesburg Area Vocational Center as adjusted as the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following

Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Strauch, Nelson, Panther, Harrison, Swanson (6)  
Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #10

Approve recommendation on Approval/ Adoption of Resolution Adopting Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) for District #205 as adjusted

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Harrison that the Board of Education approve/adopt the resolution and Appropriation Ordinance (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) for C.U.S.D. #205 as adjusted as the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. (Insert Resolution) On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Nelson, Lindstrom, Panther, Harrison, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #11

D. Feasibility Study

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction stated it was the administrator's recommendation that the Board approve a Feasibility study specifically for the reestablishment of an alternative school for District #205. Mr. Estes asked that the Board approve a Feasibility Study as recommended and presented. (Insert presentation) It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson to approve as recommended. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Panther, Harrison, Swanson, Lindstrom, Strauch, Nelson (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #12

E. Award High School Diploma to Veteran

Mr. Joel Estes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented background information on Delbur L. McKee. Dr. S. Gene Denisar, Superintendent, along with Galesburg High School Principal, Mr. Tom Chiles and Member Mike Panther; presented Delbur L. McKee with an honorary Galesburg High School Diploma per policy 655.09(a) Academic Achievement—Diploma for Veterans of World War II and Korean Conflict. Mr. McKee introduced his family and thanked the Board and high school.

Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were made by Mr. Estes and Mr. Woehlke

Comments By Board of Education

Comments were made by Members Lindstrom, Panther, Nelson, Swanson and Strauch.

Closed Session

President Panther stated that there would be a closed session for the purpose of two (2) disciplinary hearings. Action will be taken in open session. It was moved by Member Strauch and seconded by Member Swanson that the Board adjourn to closed session—

8:28 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #13

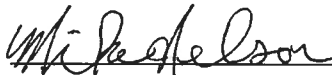
Following the closed session, it was moved by Member Harrison and seconded by Member Swanson that the regular meeting be reconvened—8:36 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Swanson, Harrison, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #14

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Swanson and seconded by Member Nelson that the regular meeting be adjourned—8:47 PM. On roll call the following Members voted AYE: Swanson, Harrison, Lindstrom, Nelson, Panther, Strauch (6) Absent: Osborn (1) Motion carried. Roll Call #15

  
Michael D. Panther, President

ATTEST:

  
Mike Nelson, Secretary